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Director, NPIC

SUBJECT: Phase III Reporting Under the National
Tasking Plan

REFERENCES: a. COMIREX-M-12, Briefing Interim NTP
Operations Program, 12 Oct 67 (Approved
COMIREX-M-13, 19 Oct 67)
b. EXSUBCOM-D-1/3 and NIDBWG-D-2/3,
Third Phase Imagery Reports Format,
5 Jan 68

1. As you are aware from discussions at COMIREX meetings (particularly reference a), we have been working through the Exploitation Subcommittee (EXSUBCOM) and the Data Base Working Group (NIDBWG) on the systematic development of plans for the full implementation of the exploitation program outlined in the National Tasking Plan. We have already made substantial progress in the planning for Phases I and II reporting and in the integration of OPIC-A into the overall effort. Work is going forward currently on detailed planning for Phase III reporting to include a basic report format (reference b).

2. The planning outlined above has proceeded with the full participation of your organizations and I am sure that your representatives have kept you apprised of significant details. While it is recognized that additional time will pass before the National Tasking Plan will have been implemented down to the last detail, it is essential that a program for the Third Phase production of basic reports be devised, approved, and promulgated within the intelligence community as a matter of priority. Our objective is to have a Third Phase basic production program well underway on 1 July of this year. Pursuant of this objective, I am directing that EXSUBCOM

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identify (a) the near and medium term highest priority Third Phase basic production tasks that will permit this objective to be achieved most readily, and (b) the most realistic priorities and schedule dates under which these tasks should be undertaken.

3. The task team efforts will include two stages:

a. Stage I will be completed and submitted by EXSUBCOM to the COMIREX by 21 March 1968 and will include recommendations concerning specific tasks, priorities and scheduled dates of completion.

b. Stage II will be submitted by EXSUBCOM to the COMIREX by 30 April 1968 and will include a recommended interim production program which identifies specific installations and objects requiring Basic Third Phase exploitation by each of the National Tasking Plan participants during FY 1969.

4. In accord with the provisions of the National Tasking Plan, the NPIC should prepare for those actions necessary to provide graphics, reproduction, and printing support for the FY 1969 program developed in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

5. In addition to the foregoing all agencies during the near term should continue to:

a. Identify to the EXSUBCOM their basic support exploitation requirements on subjects which are clearly the responsibility of another agency under the National Tasking Plan so that the EXSUBCOM can undertake to arrange for their fulfillment by that agency.

b. Produce, in response to individual EXSUBCOM-coordinated requirements, hard copy basic reports for community-wide distribution.

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6. If we can proceed as outlined above, I am sure that all of us will benefit, both from the continuing production of Phase III reports and from the experience gained from the problems encountered in such efforts. In the meantime, EXSUBCOM and NIDBWG will continue to plan systematically and will incorporate the benefits of your practical experience in the planning as it proceeds.



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